

## AMONG THE ALLIANCES.

What the Organization is Doing Throughout the Country.

Seventy five thousand farmers joined the Grange since last May.

An Alliance co-operative store has been opened at Forest, Scott county, Mississippi.

The Alliance at Alapaha, Ga., Alliance has commenced work on a warehouse at that point.

Nine Northwestern States have adopted the secret work and Constitution of the Alliance.

The Alliance warehouse at Newnan, Ga., has received 5,300 bales of cotton to date this season.

The Catawba, Ga., County Alliance met on the 21st of December and transacted some important business.

The Alliance Tribune is the name of a new publication which has appeared at Topeka, Kansas, J. K. Estes, editor and proprietor.

Mr. H. L. Loucks has resigned as President of the South Dakota Alliance. He has been elected President of the Northwestern National Alliance.

Hon. Ben. Terrell, of Texas, Lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of America, is announced to lecture in Anniston, Ala., on Jan. 7th.

The executive committee of South Dakota, Alliance have bought the Dakota Ruralist, published at Aberdeen, and it will be conducted as the State organ.

President E. N. Fry, of Antioch Alliance, near Hot Springs, raised with one mule and without any assistance, 680 bushels of corn and other crops in proportion.—Country Homes.

The Alliance men of Franklin, Rowan and Habersham counties, of Georgia, have organized a joint stock company with a capital of \$15,000 to sell the produce raised by their members.

A Minnesota paper jumped the Alliance and misrepresented it most bitterly. The object was to keep the farmers from joining. An Alliance was organized the next week with 52 members.

"We cannot," says the Washington, Ga., Chronicle, "speak too highly of the great good the Alliance is doing in Wilkes county, and their plans for another year are engaging their earnest deliberations."

The appointment of Mr. A. D. Chase, the eminent Alliance champion, as Railroad Commissioner, is a very appropriate recognition of the farming element in the State of Dakota, and gives great satisfaction.

Secretary R. L. Burkes, of the Georgia State Alliance, has issued his prospectus for the Georgia Alliance Quarterly, the first number of the magazine to appear January 10th. It will be 32-page monthly.

The Cutts county, Ga., Alliance has set on foot a movement to promote the interest of the farmers of that section. It has organized a Live Stock and Agricultural Fair Association, with W. M. Mallet as President.

A citizens' committee of Valdosta are at work with a committee of the Lowndes County Alliance arranging a program for the grand Alliance jubilee in connection with the opening of the new warehouse in Valdosta on the 15th of January.

The Illinois State Grange offered \$10,000 for a machine to bind grain with straw. Numerous machines have been exhibited and all show genius on the part of the inventors. One has been perfected, but the owner declines to take the amount offered.

The office of the Alliance Advocate has been moved from Meridian, Kan., to No. 831, Kansas Avenue, Topeka, and will publish official matter for the Kansas State Alliance. Sometime in January the Advocate will publish a special issue containing much interesting matter. There will be 60,000 copies of this edition. We are glad to note the prosperity of our esteemed contemporary.

One of our exchanges, the Monitor, published at Jefferson City, Mo., is the smallest paper in America. It is a double sheet 6x8 inches, three columns to the page. It contains a quantity of excellent reading matter. It says: "We are willing to do anything to get subscribers. Will kiss a widow for a new subscriber, or an old maid either, if allowed to make the selection ourselves."

The Alabama Alliance Advocate, of Montgomery, puts a good deal of solid truth into this brief sentence. The Alliance is not only binding men together in matters pertaining to the common interest in a matter unprecedented in the history of agricultural organizations, but it is also developing a spirit of independence, self-reliance, and manliness that has secured the good will of an unbiased public and has won the respect of its enemies.

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## GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Gleaned from our Exchanges.

The Asheville Daily Citizen has suspended.

The Goldsboro Messenger reports strawberry plants in bloom there.

A three year-old child of Mr. B. Clontz was burned to death in Burke county a few days ago.

A new court house is being built at Carthage, one of the handsomest in the State, it is said.

At Wilmington, N. C., on Friday, Dec. 20th, a ten-year-old son of W. S. Walker was run over and killed by a street car.

Shaw University, of Raleigh, has received a letter from the Belgian King asking for 24 colored professional men and mechanics.

The Winston Sentinel says the Winston-Mocksville Railroad is graded two miles on the west side of the river and there are about 150 hands at work.

Trains are now running on both sides of the Roanoke river on the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad. The bridge across Roanoke river has not been completed yet.

The town of Franklinton, on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, sustained a severe loss by fire on the 16th of December. The total losses are more than \$25,000.

The industrial issue of the Washington Gazette was handsome, and showed enterprise in its able editor. We congratulate the people of Washington on the showing given them.

We learn from the Charlotte Chronicle that the Charlotte knitting mill property was sold under mortgage last week. The mill was bought by Jas. H. Coates & Co., of Philadelphia, for \$3,850.

We learn from the Wilmington Star that there is good ground for the expectation that on or about the first of February the extension of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad will be completed.

The Landmark thinks that one of the most animating sights ever seen on the streets of Statesville was the Mayor of Cabinsville wearing a plug hat and pants of the most fashionable width. No doubt it was "a sight."

The Statesville Landmark says that Mr. W. B. McLelland, of Concord township, made this year on three acres of land 1,425 pounds of lint cotton, equal to three bales of 475 pounds each. Mr. McLelland used no commercial fertilizer.

Mr. J. W. Griffin, of Monroe, made an assignment on the 19th of December for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are about \$19,000, and assets \$5,000 or \$6,000. The Enquirer and Express says his assignment embraces all his property.

We learn from the Asheville Citizen that on the morning of the 21st of December the gasometer of the Asheville gas works exploded with fatal effects. Will. Gates and Lewis Guthrie were killed instantly, and two others slightly injured.

Mr. E. P. Clapp, of the Salisbury cotton mills, beamed a beam in 17 minutes, which is a feat hard to accomplish, the usual time required is an hour or longer. The warp, 1,080 yards long, did not have a single tangle in it.

Two hundred exodusters left Thursday night, says the Kinston Free Press, and a considerable number have gone from Edgecombe and other eastern points, while here a large number have been congregated, some going as occasion permitted.

The next annual Fair of the East Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game and Industrial Association will be held in Newberne on February 24th to March 2d, inclusive. Wednesday of that week is the day set apart for "Alliance Day." Gov. Fowle will open the Fair.

The Harnett Couriersays that Mr. D. S. Young, a young man of about 25 years of age, while out hunting with several boys, his gun went off accidentally, inflicting a serious wound. Dr. F. T. Moore was called but could render no assistance. He died during the night.

A joint stock company has just been organized in Raleigh called the Jackson Springs Company, for the purpose of opening up and operating the Jackson Springs property on the R. & A. Railroad. Mr. E. Chambers Smith is President and Mr. John W. Thompson is Secretary.

The editor of the Statesville Landmark, who is one of the directors of the Morganton Asylum, says there are at present 465 inmates. The expenditures during the past year amounted to \$81,000. Forty-one per cent. of the patients admitted during the past year have been discharged recovered.

The Asheville Citizen says that hundreds of hands will soon be set to work on Mr. Vanderbilt's land, near Asheville, leveling mountains, filling up valleys, making artificial lakes, dwelling houses and barns. The palace will be 300 feet long. Between five and six million dollars will be spent.

The Durham Recorder of last week was a twelve page illustrated edition, giving cuts of the principal business plants and public and private buildings in that progressive town, with a history of its business growth. The paper shows up well for the enterprise of the publishers and for the town.

"It was learned here yesterday," says the News and Observer of the 25th, "that the Aberdeen and West End Railroad, of which Mr. A. F. Page, the lumber king, of Moore county, is President, was thoroughly organized a day or two ago, accepted the charter and authorized the issuing of the bonds."

With last week's issue the Henderson Gold Leaf entered upon its ninth year and celebrated the event with an illustrated number of some of the industries of the town. The Gold Leaf is a capital paper, well edited, and is doing much in building up the industries of the section in which it is published.

The distress in Northampton and Halifax is very great. One farmer who planted 125 acres, made only one bale of cotton. Another who used four tons of fertilizers and planted for twenty bales, did not make enough to pay rent and has left the State. Another who expected 100 bales, only made eleven.

The Morganton Herald says coal has been discovered on the lands of Mr. Daniel Brown, near Bridgewater, and there is an iron mine on the property, the ore of which yields 53 per cent. of iron. Mr. Brown will have his mineral interests examined by experts, and developed if the investigations are encouraging.

The Rutherford Banner chronicles the sale of 9,000 acres of land in that county to parties from Maine who will immediately begin the opening and colonizing of it. The Wilmington Star is right when it says: "This is a pretty large deal and a matter of considerable importance not only to that county, but to the State."

The Wilmington Daily Star, one of the very best papers in the State, has just bought new type and other material. The work of transformation will begin next week, and everything will be in readiness for a bright particular "Star" on January 10th. May this useful journalistic orb continue to shine throughout our State.

According to the New York Commercial Bulletin, the rice crop in North Carolina is better than was expected. The yield in this State, according to the Bulletin, is 22,500 barrels. The quality of N. C. rice is said to be very fine. The total product along the Atlantic coast will be 190,000 barrels, against 145,000 last year.

With last week's issue the Tarboro Southerner closed its 67th and began its 68th year. The Southerner is an excellent paper, and though it has often changed hands, it shows no disposition to "peg out." The number of papers that live to get grey-headed are so few that we cannot refrain from giving this one an extended notice.

A meeting was held at Burnsville, Yancy county, recently, relative to securing a railroad through that county. Addresses were made by representatives of several railroad companies. The Three C's Company has determined to change its route and run from Johnson City, Tenn., through Yancy to McDowell.

The Durham Sun tells about the finding of a diamond near Bundle Mountain, in Montgomery county, by Clay Morris. He offered to swap it for a plug of tobacco but the tobacco man refused to trade. He finally sold it to a man named Brown, who has since been offered \$200 for it. The diamond is about the size of a buckshot.

A young man from Caldwell and a young lady from Lincoln went up to Lenoir to get married last Saturday night. She cautioned him of the danger of her changing her mind if she found out that he drank. On Sunday he got fool drunk. Monday she took the train for home, he going along trying to persuade her to reconsider.

A correspondent of the Elizabeth City Economist writing from Creswell, Washington county, gives an account of the burning of the barn of Messrs. Alexander & McKay on last Friday evening, together with 600 barrels of corn, 8,000 pounds of seed cotton, rice, hay and fodder. The insurance was \$750. Loss above insurance, about \$2,000.

Mr. N. L. Barnard, owner of the celebrated Iotta farm, in Macon county, is in the city, says the Asheville Citizen. This farm comprised about 2,000 acres, 500 of which are bottom lands under plank fence. Most of this land is in orchard grass and timothy. Mr. Barnard devotes his attention to raising mules for the South Carolina and Georgia markets.

We learn from the Smithfield Herald that Mr. Thomas Massey, who lives two miles east from that place, had his barn and stables entirely destroyed by fire last week. He lost 12 goats, one mule and one cow and a large quantity of feed. From the same paper we learn that Dave Young, of Meadow creek township, accidentally shot himself while rabbit hunting.

A company has been formed at Salisbury with a capital of \$1,000,000, whose purpose it is to develop the rich bessemer ore banks of North Carolina and erect bessemer iron and steel works at Greensboro. This will be the first furnace south of Maryland, wholly for the purpose of making bessemer pig. It can be produced much cheaper here than in Pennsylvania.

The Charlotte Daily News says the new cotton factory of C. L. Hutchinson & Co., of Mt. Holly, is now being roofed in. It will be equipped with four thousand spindles, and the machinery will be driven by a forty-horse power engine. It will be one of the finest factories in the State, even if it does seem a little strange that it adopts steam power while the mighty Catawba rolls by the door.

The Farmer and Scottish Chief offers to receive contributions for a young colored boy in Robeson county who has been afflicted from early childhood and is only able to use his hands. He is said to be an expert in drawing and needle-work. He also writes an excellent hand. To obtain a perfect knowledge of his drawing, he desires drawing books, pencils and paper. Any one disposed to aid him in his laudable effort to make his own living can address the above named paper at Fayetteville.

The Wilmington Morning Star is responsible for the following: "Harry Brock, the old grey horse recently retired from service in the fire department, raises a racket whenever the alarm is sounded. He is stabled at Sutherland's, and has pulled his latter in two on several occasions while trying to get away to attend fires. A few days ago an alarm was sounded while he was on Ann street near the Cape Fear engine house, he broke the fastening and dumped the contents and driver of the cart in the street."

From the Greenville Reflector we learn that Messrs. McGowan and White, of that place, are shipping 50,000 shingles per week from their mill. This is the kind of industry that helps the community most—one that brings money here from the North instead of having to send the money away. Greenville needs more enterprises of that order. From the same paper we learn that the steamer Greenville in venturing too far up the river in low water, Friday, came in contact with a log and snagged a hole in her bottom. She was leaking badly when she left for Washington and had to go on the "ways" on arrival at that town. The damage was promptly repaired and her trips resumed Monday.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK FOR A WEEK.

Luling Texas, had a heavy fire recently. At Charleroi, France, 17,000 men are on a strike.

There is 40,000 cases of the influenza in Munich, Germany.

Another attempt has been made to poison the Czar of Russia.

It is said that 2,000 railroad employees were killed and 20,000 injured during 1889.

A syndicate of eastern capitalists have bought 15,000 acres of coal land in Tenn.

Two sailors were drowned at Port Costa, Cal., while trying to escape from a burning ship.

Emma Cole, aged 30 years, has been arrested at Bradford, Pa., for making counterfeit money.

Dixon & Co., of Charlotte, dealers in clothing have made an assignment. The liabilities are heavy.

Half a dozen farmers returning home from Dallas, Texas, after selling cotton, were robbed by highwaymen.

Samuel E. Sawyer, of Gloucester, Mass., a millionaire Boston merchant, died Sunday at the advanced age of 72.

The condition of Mr. Spurgeon, the well-known London divine, has assumed a grave aspect. He is at Montone.

The Grady monument fund has now reached nearly \$14,000. The subscriptions thus far are nearly all from subscribers.

Jas. P. Wright, a letter carrier in Richmond, was arrested last week by inspector G. W. Wilde for robbing the mails.

A family containing eleven persons was burned up with a dwelling at Hurontown, Mich., on the 29th of December.

The government of France has taken possession of the telephones in that country and will operate them in the future.

A jewelry merchant of Providence, R. I., while suffering with sickness, placed his head across a railroad track and was killed.

It is reported that Joel Chandler Harris, known as "Uncle Remus," will succeed Mr. Grady as chief editor of the Atlanta Constitution.

The partly decomposed body of an unknown man was found near York, Pa., Sunday, from which the head and hands had been cut.

Mrs. Susan Tilden, widow of Henry A. Tilden, a brother of the late Samuel J. Tilden, died last week at her home in New Lebanon, N. Y.

A fire originating in M. H. Barstow's brick building at Norwich, Vt., caused a loss of \$17,000; insurance \$10,000. The postoffice was burned.

John Greenleaf Whittier, the venerable Quaker poet, was 82 years old last Tuesday. He spent the day quietly with his family at Amesbury, Mass.

The Rome & Decatur Railroad was sold at auction on the floor of the Real Estate Exchange, in New York, Wednesday, to J. B. Newcombe for \$822,000.

The Roanoke News says that there is 10,000 hard-working, honest farmers in Halifax county unable to carry on their farming operations as heretofore.

On the 31st of December the death rate at New York City had increased 100 per cent. La grippe is credited with being at the bottom of the increased fatality. Policemen to the number of 357 are on the sick list.

An accident on the Ohio, Indiana and Western Railroad, near Covington, wrecked a train and killed Superintendent J. H. Wilson and Train Dispatcher Cummins.

The total wealth of this country is now put down at \$61,459,000,000, an increase of \$18,000,000,000, or 42 per cent. It would be interesting to know who has all this increase.

A. R. and P. E. Torrey, of Charleston, unearthed a copper pot containing \$7,000 worth of gold dust. It was buried there by Henry Hopkins, an uncle, who brought it from California in 1849.

The candle works of Thomas Emory & Sons, near Cincinnati, was burned last week. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The Emorys being large property holders, carry their own insurance.

A dispatch from New York reports that the proposed international salt trust has been organized with a capital of \$20,000,000, and Thursday it will be incorporated under the laws of the State.

Laura Hives, a seven-year-old girl, was assaulted in the woods near Cleveland, Tenn., by a white man named Will. Hardin. He was caught and identified by the child and was taken to a field and hanged.

Mr. John Foster, of Davie county, shot a negro burglar in his house on Tuesday of last week. The negro carried a pistol while rumaging through the contents of a bureau, but Mr. Foster got the drop on him.

An unknown person has just given the Presbyterian Hospital, of New York City, which suffered a great loss by fire, recently, \$250,000, provided an equal sum shall be raised for the erection of a new building.

The building of a railroad from Eutawville, S. C., via Darlington, to Monroe, N. C., is one of the probabilities of the future. Darlington has offered the projectors \$200,000 provided the road is built to Monroe.

The Wilmington Star says: "The Kansas farmer sits by the cheerful light of his corn fire, with corn at 11 cents per bushel and thanks his Creator for the blessings of a high protective tariff which gave him a home market."

Owing to "hard times" at Trevorton, Pa., a town which had a population of 3,000 a month ago now has only 2,000. People have been leaving the place on account of actual hunger caused by a suspension of work at the mines.

Goldsboro Jones, a young farmer, was married to Mary Anne Simpser, at Greenwood, Delaware, a few days ago. The blushing bride, though in her 80th year, insisted that the blinds be closed to hide her blushes during the ceremony.

A distressing type of influenza, called "the grip," has spread all over the continent of Europe as an epidemic and everybody has it. The disease has appeared on this side of the water, also. Two cases were reported in Raleigh this week.

An alleged expert claims that analysis of the phosphate deposits in South Florida show that they excel in quality the celebrated phosphate deposits of South Carolina. Preparations are being made to ship large quantities of the phosphate to Atlanta.

Minnesota and other Northwestern States were visited by heavy snow and rain storms on the night of the 28th of December. Telegraph wires are down and travel delayed. It was a veritable blizzard in Dakota. The mercury fell 30 degrees in two hours.

A terrible case of premature burial is reported from Madison, Wisconsin, where a young lady supposed to be dead, was buried, and a few weeks after, when the body was removed and the coffin opened, it was found that she had turned over and in her desperation torn the flesh from her face and hands.

A terrible tragedy took place in Mitchell county, 12 miles from Bakersville. In a drunken row on Christmas day, three men were killed. Friday, Monroe Garland, a brother of one of the murdered men, rode up to a crowd in the same place and fired into them, killing three more and wounding twelve.

## VALUE OF ENSILAGE.

How It Compares with Cooked Food—Cattle Prefer the Former.

The quantity of feed is the first advantage. One of the grandest sights in the world, not excepting Niagara or the ocean, is a large field of ensilage corn, milk-ripe, drilled and standing in solid acres, fourteen or fifteen feet high! No such quantity of nutriment can be obtained in any other way or by any other plant or product. Corn is queen, and the greatest natural gift of America to the world.

"But," says the doctor, "why not dry all this corn and steam it?" Because you can't and because drying would take away half of its value. Corn in milk, before its kernels are glazed and hard, will not dry: it will be overtaken by rains and mildew and be lost. If you do not believe it, begin with a comparatively small lot of fodder corn and see where you will come out. To talk of drying solid acres of milk corn is absurd, to say nothing of the labor and expense of housing so vast a quantity, and cutting it up and steaming it in the "feed trough," or anywhere else. But were it possible to dry this corn, or if you were to leave it to ripen in the field, which being Giant Southern corn, it won't do at the North, you would thereby lose half of its value.

The natural food of all cattle is green herbage, and they have a hard time to get through our winters on dry fodder. They have no stomachs fit for it, even when steamed. Therefore, to give them their own fresh food in winter, in a warm inclosure, is to make it summer for them all the year. The result is that they are bright, sleek and healthy, and give "June milk and butter in February." But if the corn could be ripened and so dried no amount of steam could make it green, milky herbage again. Steam can not resurrect the dead. When the cellulose, albumen, protoplasm, starch, gums, sugars, etc., have turned to wood fiber or dry skins or hard granules, half of their value is gone and can never be restored. Let the cattle have the choice, and they will settle the question in favor of the ensilage every time.—Country Gentleman.

## MINISTERS' PERMITS ARE EXTENDED.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad has extended the ministers' permits issued for 1889, and made them good until Jan. 15th, 1890. Ministers wishing permits for 1890 should make application on regular blanks through the nearest depot agent for same at once, so they all can be issued by Jan. 15th, 1890.

## MARRIAGES.

In Vance county, by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Mr. Jno. W. Norwood and Miss Nannie G. Knott.

In Lincoln county, on Dec. 11th, by J. A. Nixon, Esq., Mr. William Strain, of Mecklenburg, and Mrs. M. L. Edwards.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. B. Rooks, in Bladen county, on the 18th of December, by Rev. J. P. Eason, Mr. Sidney P. Johnston and Miss Mattie J. Rooks.

At the residence of the bride's father, Isaiah Wagoner, Esq., of Iredell county, on the 19th of December, by Rev. W. Kimbal, Mr. T. S. Barkley and Miss Amanda E. Wagoner.

On Jan. 1st, in Wake county, at the residence of P. W. Dowd, Mr. Jno. B. Sturdevant, a much honored gentleman of St. Mary's township, to Miss Evie Jones, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Gaston Jones, P. W. Dowd, Esq., officiating. Attendants: Mr. S. J. Brown and Miss Evie Tompkinson.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER wishes each and all of these young people a pleasant journey through life.

## DEATHS.

Dr. J. T. Fuller, of Brooks Grove Alliance, No. 670, Person county, died on the 30th of November.

In Davidson county, on the 17th of November, Bro. David Smith, President of Fairmount Alliance, No. 668.

On Nov. 5th, Bro. John A. Powell, aged 37 years, a member of Raft Swamp Alliance, No. 44, in Robeson county.

Bro. D. W. K. Richmond, of Hurdles Mills Alliance, No. 796, Person county, died in November. Exact date not given.

Bro. Charles Saterwhite, of Petra Mills Alliance, No. 1,761, Caldwell county, died recently. Age and date of death not given.

On the 12th of November, Bro. W. J. D. Haywood, aged 40 years, a member of Idaho Alliance, No. 125, Cumberland county.

In Pitt county, on the 16th of December, Bro. R. M. Jones, aged 18 years, a member of Latham Alliance, No. 1,170, Beaufort county.

We have received information of the death of Bro. Wm. Gardner, of Meadow Branch Alliance, No. 167, Union county. Date of death not given.

We have received information of the death of Bro. J. L. Clayton, of Flat River Alliance, No. 895, Durham county. Bro. Clayton was a resident of Person county. Age and date of death not given.

Bro. Robert O. Lee, of Lovejoy Alliance, No. 961, Cleveland county, lost his way while returning home from Shelby on the night of the 16th of November and was frozen to death. He was to have been married on the following day.

Three of the largest cotton mills ever built in the South are in course of erection now. One at Florence, Ala., with 53,000 spindles, a South Carolina mill with 49,000 spindles and another at Columbus, Ga., with 46,000.